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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/698,521  
Applicants: Jacques HABATJOU  
Filing Date: November 3, 2003  
For: CASE WITH A SEALING ELEMENT  
Group Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner: DOAN, ROBYN K.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Provisional Election of Species**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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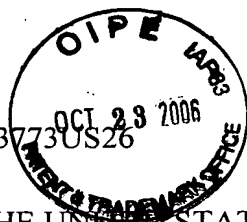
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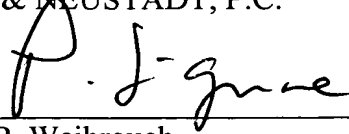
In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated September 27, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects Species I, Figures 1, 5, 6, 9, and 12, and lists Claims 1-11, 15, 16, and 18-38 as readable thereon and at least Claims 1 and 24 as generic. Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims, directed to additional non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141(a).

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Reply to Office Action of September 27, 2006

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a full examination on the merits of  
Claims 1-11, 15, 16, and 18-38 be conducted

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